இருந்திருக்கலாம். அது வாஸ்தவம் தான். இதற்கு மான்யம் கொடுக்க ஒப்புக்கொண்டதே 1958–59ல் தான். இதில் கிடைக்கின்ற மான்யத்திற்கு தகுந்தபடிதான் ஸ்கீம்கள் தயார் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, the task of clearing and improving the slums falling west of the Cooum river is entrusted to the Corporation and the area falling to the south of that river has been entrusted to the City Improvement Trust. There is no co-ordination of the work of these two bodies and there is only complication in implementing the schemes. Will the Government therefore think of entrusting the entire work to the City Improvement Trust which has done a wonderful job in this matter?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, if we have two agencies, work will be doubled. Actually we have now a non-statutory Housing Board of which the Commissioner of the Corporation and the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust are Members and the difficulties are resolved at the meetings of the Board.

MR. SPEAKER : It is now 10 o'clock. There are five or six more questions to be answered. We will take some five or six more minutes and finish the rest of the questions. I hope the House has no objection to this.

Mantapam Road.

* 298 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Ramachanlran) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme to connect Ramanathapuram and Dhanushkodi with Mantapam by road;

(*b*) the total estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) When it will be taken up for execution; and

(*d*) whether the advice of any foreign Technical Experts has been sought for in this connection?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes. Sir.

(*b*) The cost of the work including the construction of a bridge over Pamban strait is roughly estimated at Rs. 105 lakhs. The detailed plans and estimates for the work are under preparation of the Highways Department.

(*c*) The work is on a National Highway and it will be taken up for execution soon after the Government of India accord technical approval to the detailed plans and estimates for the work. The Government of India have asked for detailed estimates before according sanction.

(*d*) No Sir. But the presence of a specialist in the country was taken advantage of by the Chief Engineer (Highways) for discussing the proposal with him after a joint inspection of the site.